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various inventions relating to machines involving speech recognition for voice-based operation and thus illustrate known voice recognition applications:

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U.S. Patent No. 5,111,501 to Masanobu

Shimanuki describes a telephone terminal device equipped with a transmitter microphone, a receiver, a speech recognition unit that receives and recognizes speech signals from the

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transmitter microphone and a circuit to reduce the level of signals send from a telephone network to the receiver when the speech recognition unit receives speech signals from the transmitter microphone. Further, this device is

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preferably equipped with a speech reproduction unit that reproduces the speech information

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